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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT,

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

I BEG to submit the following as my Report for the year ended 31st December 1915.

GENERAL.

From the opening of the Library in June 1890 to the 31st December 1915 the total number of books issued for consultation and home reading in the Library and its branches was 20,627,488, as follows:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	2,192,724
Lending Do. - -	10,412,742
West Branch (1897) - - -	2,075,788
Portobello Branch (1897) - -	1,281,377
North Branch (1900) - - -	1,637,017
East Branch (1904) - - -	2,002,311
Morningside Branch (1905) - -	1,025,529
Total - -	20,627,488

The total issue of books for the year in both the Central departments and branches is represented by the following figures:—

Central Library—			
Reference Department	-	-	80,009
Lending Do.	-	-	216,958
West Branch -	-	-	78,015
Portobello Branch	-	-	62,174
North Branch	-	-	93,664
East Branch -	-	-	145,365
Morningside Branch	-	-	83,675
Total	-	-	759,860

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The number of works consulted in 1914 was 84,658. This year the number has fallen to 80,009, a decrease of 4,649, or 5.4 per cent.

HOME READING.

The number of books given out for Home Reading in the Central Library for the year amounted to 216,958 against 229,806 for last year, a decrease of 12,848, or 5.5 per cent. In the West Branch the decrease was 5,679, or 6.7 per cent.; Portobello, 6,303, or 9.2 per cent.; North Branch, 3,791, or 3.8 per cent.; East Branch, 8,323, or 5.4 per cent.; and Morningside Branch, 4,867, or 5.4 per cent.

There were increases in the Juvenile Section of 1,720 in the Central Library, 82 in the West Branch, and 33 in the East Branch. There was also an increase of 20 in General Literature in the Morningside Branch. In the Children's Room at the West Branch 64,355 books were given out, against 70,000 the previous year.

REVISION OF LENDING LIBRARY.

In pursuance of the work of revising the stock of the Central Lending Library, reported upon in October, I have to state

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that, with the exception of the sets of Magazines, this work begun in March last, was completed in December, and that preparation of the matter for the new Catalogue is being proceeded with.

SOILED AND WORN-OUT BOOKS.

The number of volumes replaced was fewer than for the previous year, being :—

	1914.	1915.
Central - -	2,218	1,916
West Branch - -	519	487
Portobello Branch -	332	189
North Branch - -	630	371
East Branch - -	331	435
Morningside Branch -	398	147
Totals - -	4,428	3,545

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

5,232 vols. were circulated among the blind to read at their own homes, against 5,111 for 1914.

I reported last year that ten of our male assistants had enlisted, and now I have to add that five others have joined the colours. There are now only two of military age; they offered themselves, but were rejected.

I append the usual tables giving details.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

HEW MORRISON.

31*st December* 1915.

BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1914, the number added and deducted, and the total stock at the end of 1915.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1914.	Vols. added.	1915.
General	17,004	191	17,195
Philosophy	853	25	878
Religion	4,562	48	4,610
Sociology	6,412	297	6,709
Philology	1,341	17	1,358
Natural Science	3,658	115	3,773
Useful Arts	4,999	131	5,130
Fine Arts	5,173	75	5,248
Literature	14,350	151	14,501
History	16,795	167	16,962
Totals	75,147	1,217	76,364

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1914.	Vols. added.	1915.
Religion	4,990	19 – 1,142	3,867
Philosophy	981	10 – 50	941
Sociology	2,594	44 – 470	2,168
Science and Art	6,348	25 – 479	5,894
Poetry and Drama	1,777	— – 398	1,379
Fiction	18,848	265 – 5,488	13,625
History, Biography, and Travel	8,158	70 – 1,491	6,737
General Literature	6,573	25 – 893	5,705
Juveniles' Literature	6,359	78 —	6,437
Totals	56,628	536 – 10,411	46,753

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1914.	Vols. added.	1915.
Religion	528	6 – 22	512
Philosophy	145	1 —	146
Sociology	459	5 – 16	448
Science and Art	1,366	13 – 28	1,351
Poetry and Drama	237	2 – 4	235
Fiction	7,016	217 – 422	6,811
History, Biography, and Travel	1,468	24 – 32	1,460
General Literature	759	6 – 4	761
Juveniles' Literature	3,129	79 – 153	3,055
Reference Books	252	2 —	254
Children's Room	838	12 —	850
Totals	16,197	367 – 681	15,883

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1914.	Vols. added.	1915.
Religion	174	4	178
Philosophy	62	1	63
Sociology	138	4	142
Science and Art	444	16	460
Poetry and Drama	110	1	111
Fiction	4,173	162	4,335
History, Biography, and Travel	940	11	951
General Literature	412	8	420
Juveniles' Literature	1,687	55	1,742
Reference Books	135	1	136
Totals	8,275	263	8,538

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1914.	Vols. added.	1915.
Religion	461	4	465
Philosophy	128	2	130
Sociology	312	4	316
Science and Art	1,137	4	1,141
Poetry and Drama	187	1	188
Fiction	6,131	163	6,294
History, Biography, and Travel	1,300	15	1,315
General Literature	765	4	769
Juveniles' Literature	2,468	53	2,521
Reference Books	281	1	282
Totals	13,170	251	13,421

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1914.	Vols. added.	1915.
Religion	484	4	488
Philosophy	210	2	212
Sociology	380	9	389
Science and Art	1,100	10	1,110
Poetry and Drama	285	3	288
Fiction	4,965	244	5,209
History, Biography, and Travel	1,327	9	1,336
General Literature	741	5	746
Juveniles' Literature	2,799	93	2,892
Reference Books	399	2	401
Totals	12,690	381	13,071

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1914.	Vols. added.	1915.
Religion - - -	258	6	264
Philosophy - - -	164	1	165
Sociology - - -	239	9	248
Science and Art - - -	557	5	562
Poetry and Drama - -	200	1	201
Fiction - - - -	4,900	190	5,090
History, Biography, and Travel -	836	12	848
General Literature - -	586	3	589
Juveniles' Literature - -	1,817	43	1,860
Reference Books - -	66	1	67
Totals -	9,623	271	9,894

ST LEONARD'S BRANCH.

Class.	1914.	Vols. added.	1915.
Children's Room - -	430	—	430
Reference Books - -	62	—	62
Totals -	492	—	492

TOTAL STOCK.

	1914.	Vols. added.	1915.
Reference Library - -	75,147	1,217 —	76,364
Lending Library - -	56,628	536 – 10,411	46,753
West Branch - - -	16,197	367 – 681	15,883
Portobello Branch - -	8,275	263 —	8,538
North Branch - - -	13,170	251 —	13,421
East Branch - - -	12,690	381 —	13,071
Morningside Branch - -	9,623	271 —	9,894
St Leonard's Branch - -	492	— —	492
Total -	192,222	3,286 – 11,092	184,416

REFERENCE LIBRARY—Statistics for 1915.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January -	984	403	339	524	236	547	667	528	2,050	1,330	7,608	25	304·32
February -	998	404	376	639	256	529	643	448	2,097	1,633	8,023	24	334·29
March - -	1,558	350	328	708	281	530	742	591	2,329	1,650	9.067	27	335·81
April - -	1,321	369	309	575	336	369	652	559	1,531	1,522	7,543	25	301·70
May - -	1,145	306	291	651	338	514	593	597	1,770	1,542	7,747	25	309·88
June - -	1,049	283	277	551	416	512	647	493	1,121	938	6,287	26	241·80
July - -	954	204	278	488	303	431	547	417	903	848	5,373	27	199·00
August -	978	181	283	365	269	354	562	415	755	894	5,056	26	194·46
September -	638	131	239	309	162	225	486	341	894	1,007	4,432	25	177·28
October -	627	226	306	493	335	472	648	322	1,270	1,151	5,850	26	225·00
November -	664	262	351	687	353	450	553	444	2,088	1,513	7,365	26	283·26
December -	607	194	268	396	252	352	570	333	1,649	1,037	5,658	26	217·61
Totals - -	11,523	3,313	3,645	6,386	3,537	5,285	7,310	5,488	18,457	15,065	80,009	308	259·76
Totals, 1914 -	9,944	3,798	3,619	6,741	3,240	5,620	8,178	5,785	20,179	17,554	84,658	308	274·86
Increase -	1,579	—	26	—	297	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease -	—	485	—	355	—	335	868	297	1,722	2,489	4,649	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—CENTRAL—Statistics for 1915.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	400	181	325	1,251	286	12,286	1,082	1,034	3,082	19,927	25	797·08
February - -	382	161	286	1,165	261	11,963	959	980	2,884	19,041	24	793·37
March - -	322	194	319	1,375	350	13,648	1,086	907	3,070	21,271	27	787·81
April - - -	316	155	214	1,044	232	13,193	886	826	2,932	19,798	25	791·92
May - - -	254	136	243	952	220	12,106	770	724	2,008	17,413	25	696·52
June - - -	181	79	139	726	131	10,317	603	444	1,504	14,124	26	543·23
July - - -	162	77	138	671	137	11,797	609	442	2,011	16,044	27	594·22
August - -	148	85	120	457	109	12,083	611	386	1,968	15,967	26	614·11
September - -	211	129	154	650	143	13,771	768	571	2,219	18,616	25	744·64
October - -	298	137	212	929	207	13,239	808	683	2,772	19,285	26	741·73
November - -	288	147	246	908	247	12,082	883	730	2,855	18,386	26	707·15
December - -	237	97	214	771	212	11,114	748	631	3,062	17,086	26	657·15
Totals - -	3,199	1,578	2,610	10,899	2,535	147,599	9,813	8,358	30,367	216,958	308	704·40
Totals, 1914 -	4,030	1,913	3,060	14,144	2,833	151,384	13,146	10,649	28,647	229,806	308	746·12
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,720	—	—	—
Decrease - -	831	335	450	3,245	298	3,785	3,333	2,291	—	12,848	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—WEST BRANCH—Statistics for 1915.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	33	12	53	202	38	4,539	202	102	1,932	7,113	25	284·52
February - -	33	17	36	197	32	4,605	276	131	1,944	7,271	24	302·95
March - -	45	28	45	223	36	5,066	273	158	2,050	7,924	27	293·48
April - - -	40	10	40	199	31	4,650	208	157	1,644	6,979	25	279·16
May - - -	20	10	33	186	31	4,000	175	134	1,398	5,987	25	239·48
June - - -	19	9	30	178	17	3,492	176	90	1,182	5,193	26	199·73
July - - -	19	8	28	183	16	3,925	176	116	1,319	5,790	27	214·44
August - -	24	5	41	151	26	3,872	161	106	1,288	5,674	26	218·23
September - -	23	12	44	153	26	4,124	172	95	1,279	5,928	25	237·12
October - -	30	8	38	164	30	4,802	194	98	1,446	6,810	26	261·92
November - -	28	18	48	139	43	4,337	203	127	1,593	6,536	26	251·38
December - -	31	18	37	157	33	4,370	207	127	1,830	6,810	26	261·92
Totals - -	345	155	473	2,132	359	51,782	2,423	1,441	18,905	78,015	308	253·29
Totals, 1914 -	579	168	627	2,659	425	56,181	2,722	1,510	18,823	83,694	308	271·73
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	82	—	—	—
Decrease - -	234	13	154	527	66	4,399	299	69	—	5,679	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—PORTOBELLO BRANCH—Statistics for 1915.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	21	14	11	102	20	4,035	219	100	1,700	6,222	25	248·88
February - -	26	14	21	110	26	3,745	234	89	1,703	5,968	24	248·66
March - -	26	8	19	102	19	4,126	257	132	1,553	6,242	27	231·18
April - - -	14	9	24	86	10	3,990	222	84	1,158	5,597	25	223·88
May - - -	7	6	12	71	11	3,642	135	56	850	4,790	25	191·60
June - - -	15	4	8	59	16	2,845	116	63	664	3,790	25	151·60
July - - -	15	8	8	48	11	3,027	85	53	796	4,051	27	150·03
August - -	11	3	13	42	2	3,038	51	58	947	4,165	26	160·19
September - -	13	9	16	48	11	3,297	96	61	986	4,537	25	181·48
October - -	15	6	5	61	6	3,609	116	59	1,309	5,186	26	199·46
November - -	9	17	10	83	13	3,894	163	83	1,488	5,760	26	221·53
December - -	12	11	12	93	12	3,742	170	90	1,724	5,866	26	225·61
Totals - -	184	109	159	905	157	42,990	1,864	928	14,878	62,174	307	202·52
Totals, 1914 -	194	110	202	1,091	197	43,957	2,093	1,062	19,571	68,477	307	223·05
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease - -	10	1	43	186	40	967	229	134	4,693	6,303	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—NORTH BRANCH—Statistics for 1915.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	46	15	62	179	45	5,437	324	196	2,117	8,421	25	336·84
February - -	33	26	57	182	50	5,377	334	165	2,159	8,383	24	349·29
March - -	37	19	56	224	40	6,193	353	201	2,292	9,415	27	348·70
April - - -	38	16	31	235	33	5,721	286	145	2,253	8,758	25	350·32
May - - -	32	18	36	174	35	5,222	294	167	1,944	7,922	25	316·88
June - - -	22	11	38	126	34	4,445	238	140	1,631	6,685	26	257·11
July - - -	27	10	31	161	22	4,681	209	115	1,838	7,094	27	262·74
August - -	21	11	25	131	35	4,236	186	115	1,493	6,253	26	240·50
September - -	44	10	49	171	26	4,854	238	131	1,649	7,172	25	286·88
October - -	35	17	54	201	36	5,552	309	157	1,664	8,025	26	308·65
November - -	36	22	60	180	42	5,130	263	167	1,764	7,664	26	294·76
December - -	31	17	65	168	42	5,040	267	157	2,085	7,872	26	302·76
Totals - -	402	192	564	2,132	440	61,888	3,301	1,856	22,889	93,664	308	304·10
Totals, 1914 -	574	293	693	2,471	466	63,368	4,355	1,995	23,240	97,455	308	316·44
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease - -	172	101	129	339	26	1,480	1,054	139	351	3,791	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—EAST BRANCH—Statistics for 1915.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	73	46	79	354	96	8,394	380	283	5,062	14,767	25	590·68
February - -	87	34	79	394	84	7,847	332	270	4,764	13,891	24	578·79
March - -	74	50	96	424	94	8,656	344	286	4,839	14,863	27	550·48
April - - -	70	36	67	318	68	7,771	314	241	4,150	13,035	25	521·40
May - - -	53	32	63	312	64	7,203	280	230	3,408	11,645	25	465·80
June - - -	42	26	65	304	57	6,209	217	192	3,100	10,212	26	392·76
July - - -	40	29	56	249	45	6,484	204	162	3,280	10,549	27	390·70
August - -	38	18	51	243	52	6,175	201	188	2,922	9,888	26	380·30
September - -	42	36	81	280	70	6,738	227	281	3,073	10,828	25	433·12
October - -	62	38	102	329	74	7,465	273	271	3,520	12,134	26	466·69
November - -	55	37	87	285	75	6,885	273	299	3,646	11,642	26	447·76
December - -	56	21	81	256	78	6,812	237	304	4,066	11,911	26	458·11
Totals - -	692	403	907	3,748	857	86,639	3,282	3,007	45,830	145,365	308	471·96
Totals, 1914 -	1,038	632	1,481	4,083	1,203	91,749	4,049	3,656	45,797	153,688	308	498·90
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	—	—	—
Decrease - -	346	229	574	335	346	5,110	767	649	—	8,323	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—MORNINGSIDE BRANCH—Statistics for 1915.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	48	12	36	95	46	5,809	233	110	1,406	7,795	25	311·80
February - -	35	22	31	66	53	5,522	202	130	1,378	7,439	24	309·95
March - -	35	13	22	90	42	6,079	224	121	1,441	8,067	27	298·77
April - - -	38	17	32	71	33	5,612	193	107	1,447	7,550	25	302·00
May - - -	30	16	19	66	34	5,296	190	84	1,123	6,858	25	274·32
June - - -	21	13	17	81	19	4,528	133	67	1,051	5,930	26	228·07
July - - -	23	9	19	71	36	4,534	147	73	1,117	6,029	27	223·29
August - -	17	9	24	67	17	4,203	136	51	1,008	5,532	26	212·76
September - -	31	5	40	108	35	4,905	159	82	1,135	6,500	25	260·00
October - -	49	11	49	76	42	5,614	178	103	1,478	7,600	26	292·30
November - -	40	12	32	77	60	5,291	160	96	1,363	7,131	26	274·26
December - -	25	14	34	109	59	5,207	203	105	1,488	7,244	26	278·61
Totals - -	392	153	355	977	476	62,600	2,158	1,129	15,435	83,675	308	271·67
Totals, 1914 -	394	239	375	1,214	478	66,446	2,456	1,109	15,831	88,542	308	287·47
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	—
Decrease - -	2	86	20	237	2	3,846	298	—	396	4,867	—	—

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT,

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

I BEG to submit my Report for the year ended 31st December 1916. From the opening of the Library in June 1890 to 31st December 1916, 21,348,408 works (many containing several volumes) were issued for consultation and home reading. The numbers for the various departments are:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	2,245,544
Lending do. - -	10,614,796
West Branch (1897) - - -	2,157,478
Portobello Branch (1897) - -	1,347,187
North Branch (1900) - -	1,733,054
East Branch (1904) - - -	2,140,430
Morningside Branch (1905) - -	1,109,919
Total - -	21,348,408

The issue for the year in the Central Library and Branches was as follows:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	52,820
Lending do. - -	202,054
West Branch - - - -	81,690
Portobello Branch - - -	65,810
North Branch - - -	96,037
East Branch - - - -	138,119
Morningside Branch - - -	84,390
Total - -	720,920

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The works consulted in the Reference Library in 1915 numbered 80,009, but last year the total was only 52,820, a decrease of 17,189, largely the result of the decrease of students in the city.

HOME READING.

202,054 books were given out for Home Reading from the Central Lending Department against 216,950 the previous year, a decrease of 14,896. The classes showing increases were History 141, and books for Juveniles 3,522. In the West Branch there was an increase of 3,675, Fiction contributing 448, and the Juveniles' Section 3,594. This is quite independent of the number given out in the Children's Room. In Portobello there was an increase in all the classes except those of Philosophy and Sociology. Fiction showed an increase of 1,534, Juveniles 1,768, and the total increase was 3,636. The North Branch had an increase over last year of 2,373. The Juveniles' Section increased its output by 3,762, but in Fiction there was a decrease of 810, and in Science and Art of 337. In the East Branch there is a decrease of 7,246, Fiction being 5,062, and Juveniles 1,426 less than last year. In Morningside there was an increase of 715 on the whole. The increase in Novel reading there was 1,188, but there were decreases, in Religion 116, History 262, and General Literature 261. The total Home Reading, in figures, was 668,100, against 679,851 for the previous year, a decrease of 11,751 or of slightly over 1½ per cent.

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REVISION OF CENTRAL LENDING STOCK.

I reported in October 1915 upon the work done up to the previous September. The number of books transferred to the Reference Department, and withdrawn by being out of print and no longer procurable, or by being no longer in request by readers is as follows :—

Religion - - - - -	22
Philosophy - - - -	12
Sociology - - - -	24
Science and Art - - -	236
Poetry and Drama - - -	42
Fiction - - - - -	2,989
History, Biography, and Travel -	200
General Literature - - -	1,230
Total - -	4,755

These books are stored in the Annexe of the Lending Library, and are available for circulation until the New Catalogue is published.

REVISION OF WEST BRANCH STOCK.

In October, November, and part of December I revised the stock of the West Branch, the shelves of which had become overcrowded. By applying the same principles as obtained in dealing with the Central Library, the numbers were :—

Religion - - - - -	238
Philosophy - - - -	51
Sociology - - - -	139
Science and Art - - -	332
Poetry and Drama - - -	71
Fiction - - - - -	1,251
History, etc. - - - -	271
Juveniles' Books - - - -	569
Total - -	3,032

SOILED AND WORN-OUT BOOKS.

The numbers in the different Libraries for last year and the previous year were :—

	1915.	1916.
Central - -	1,916	1,288
West Branch - -	487	926
Portobello Branch -	189	247
North Branch - -	371	252
East Branch - -	435	336
Morningside Branch -	147	188
Totals -	3,545	3,237

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

5,967 books and parts of magazines were circulated among the blind for home reading. Of these, 1,896 were in Moon, and the rest in Braille type. The total number circulated in 1915 was 5,232.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Last year I mentioned in my Report that fifteen of the staff were serving the colours. The only remaining fit man enlisted in May.

I regret to have to report that John Duncan, who was a sergeant in the 16th Royal Scots, was killed on the 7th of April. Charles Mackay and George Wilkie, who are second lieutenants in the Seaforth Highlanders, have both been wounded twice, and likewise Charles Goodall, who is a private in the 16th Royal Scots. Robert Cochrane, Royal Garrison Artillery, was wounded and gassed. Allan Lauder, who is a gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery (Lowland) and Harry Wilson, who is a sergeant in the 5th Royal Scots, were both wounded.

I append the usual tables.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

HEW MORRISON.

8th January 1917.

BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1915, the number added and deducted, and the total stock at the end of 1916.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1915.	Vols. added.	1916.
General	17,195	159	17,354
Philosophy	878	21	899
Religion	4,610	61	4,671
Sociology	6,709	244	6,953
Philology	1,358	26	1,384
Natural Science	3,773	87	3,860
Useful Arts	5,130	81	5,211
Fine Arts	5,248	55	5,303
Literature	14,501	108	14,609
History	16,962	188	17,150
Totals	76,364	1,030	77,394

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1915.	Vols. added.	1916.
Religion	3,867	23 – 13	3,877
Philosophy	941	3 – 12	932
Sociology	2,168	34 – 22	2,180
Science and Art	5,894	17 – 204	5,707
Poetry and Drama	1,379	1 – 35	1,345
Fiction	13,625	211 – 652	13,184
History, Biography, and Travel	6,737	70 – 165	6,642
General Literature	5,705	23 – 1,218	4,510
Juveniles' Literature	6,437	78 —	6,515
Totals	46,753	460 – 2,321	44,892

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1915.	Vols. added.	1916.
Religion	512	3 – 238	277
Philosophy	146	1 – 51	96
Sociology	448	1 – 139	310
Science and Art	1,351	9 – 332	1,028
Poetry and Drama	235	1 – 71	165
Fiction	6,811	168 – 1,251	5,728
History, Biography, and Travel	1,460	16 – 271	1,205
General Literature	761	6 – 110	657
Juveniles' Literature	3,055	51 – 569	2,537
Reference Books	254	— —	254
Children's Room	850	17 —	867
Totals	15,883	273 – 3,032	13,124

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1915.	Vols. added.	1916.
Religion	178	4	182
Philosophy	63	1	64
Sociology	142	3	145
Science and Art	460	10	470
Poetry and Drama	111	2	113
Fiction	4,335	143	4,478
History, Biography, and Travel	951	10	961
General Literature	420	6	426
Juveniles' Literature	1,742	53	1,795
Reference Books	136	—	136
Totals	8,538	232	8,770

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1915.	Vols. added.	1916.
Religion	465	2	467
Philosophy	130	3	133
Sociology	316	6	322
Science and Art	1,141	6	1,147
Poetry and Drama	188	2	190
Fiction	6,294	147	6,441
History, Biography, and Travel	1,315	14	1,329
General Literature	769	8	777
Juveniles' Literature	2,521	44	2,565
Reference Books	282	—	282
Totals	13,421	232	13,653

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1915.	Vols. added.	1916.
Religion	488	7	495
Philosophy	212	2	214
Sociology	389	8	397
Science and Art	1,110	8	1,118
Poetry and Drama	288	2	290
Fiction	5,209	205	5,414
History, Biography, and Travel	1,336	28	1,364
General Literature	746	11	757
Juveniles' Literature	2,892	74	2,966
Reference Books	401	—	401
Totals	13,071	345	13,416

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1915.	Vols. added.	1916.
Religion - - -	264	3	267
Philosophy - - -	165	—	165
Sociology - - -	248	8	256
Science and Art - - -	562	1	563
Poetry and Drama - -	201	—	201
Fiction - - - -	5,090	177	5,267
History, Biography, and Travel -	848	1	849
General Literature - -	589	—	589
Juveniles' Literature - -	1,860	15	1,875
Reference Books - -	67	—	67
Totals -	9,894	205	10,099

ST LEONARD'S BRANCH.

Class.	1915.	Vols. added.	1916.
Children's Room - -	430	—	430
Reference Books - -	62	—	62
Totals -	492	—	492

TOTAL STOCK.

	1915.	Vols. added.	1916.
Reference Library - -	76,364	1,030 —	77,394
Lending Library - -	46,753	460 – 2,321	44,892
West Branch - - -	15,883	273 – 3,032	13,124
Portobello Branch - -	8,538	232 —	8,770
North Branch - - -	13,421	232 —	13,653
East Branch - - -	13,071	345 —	13,416
Morningside Branch - -	9,894	205 —	10,099
St Leonard's Branch - -	492	— —	492
Total -	184,416	2,777 – 5,353	181,840

REFERENCE LIBRARY—Statistics for 1916.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January -	621	253	296	532	224	375	559	429	1,362	1,052	5,703	25	228·12
February -	664	146	250	553	216	348	488	389	1,517	1,337	5,998	25	236·32
March - -	627	158	170	304	136	312	443	343	1,070	910	4,473	27	165·66
April - -	667	157	139	235	110	243	305	261	905	651	3,673	24	153·04
May - -	610	206	202	393	214	285	442	305	1,538	1,288	5,483	26	210·88
June - -	653	119	212	314	146	357	473	214	915	846	4,249	26	163·42
July - -	604	94	177	205	133	272	471	327	465	574	3,322	26	127·76
August -	452	118	168	182	107	149	389	295	391	593	2,844	27	105·33
September -	502	94	193	194	116	220	410	212	414	653	3,008	25	120·32
October -	748	148	271	198	114	250	391	223	903	694	3,940	26	151·53
November -	533	175	201	391	213	309	674	263	1,667	185	5,611	26	215·80
December -	523	151	155	318	150	316	586	369	1,292	746	4,606	25	184·24
Totals - -	7,204	1,819	2,434	3,819	1,879	3,436	5,631	3,630	12,439	10,529	52,820	308	171·49
Totals, 1915 -	11,523	3,313	3,645	6,386	3,537	5,285	7,310	5,488	18,457	15,065	80,009	308	259·76
Increase -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease -	4,319	1,494	1,211	2,567	1,658	1,849	1,679	1,858	6,018	4,536	27,189	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—CENTRAL—Statistics for 1916.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	297	148	217	908	246	12,904	840	668	3,336	19,564	25	782·56
February - -	250	171	198	887	254	12,155	1,438	640	3,320	19,313	25	772·52
March - -	246	139	207	971	218	12,566	965	681	3,239	19,232	27	712·29
April - - -	230	101	161	818	155	11,473	791	562	3,103	17,394	24	724·75
May - - -	211	132	189	849	190	11,638	796	549	2,638	17,192	26	661·23
June - - -	185	94	147	689	155	11,719	727	433	2,481	16,630	26	639·61
July - - -	158	81	134	618	168	11,362	724	434	2,615	16,294	26	626·69
August - -	158	70	126	604	143	10,117	565	345	2,257	14,385	27	532·77
September - -	171	89	104	657	131	10,619	570	337	2,093	14,771	25	590·84
October - -	246	126	165	741	203	9,712	728	457	2,175	14,553	26	559·73
November - -	249	118	168	929	219	10,341	964	503	3,189	16,680	26	641·53
December - -	218	81	120	792	167	9,916	846	463	3,443	16,046	25	641·84
Totals - -	2,619	1,350	1,936	9,463	2,249	134,522	9,954	6,072	33,889	202,054	308	656·01
Totals, 1915 -	3,199	1,578	2,610	10,899	2,535	147,599	9,813	8,358	30,367	216,958	308	704·40
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	141	—	3,522	—	—	—
Decrease - -	580	228	674	1,436	286	13,077	—	2,286	—	14,904	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—WEST BRANCH—Statistics for 1916.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	23	11	32	200	41	4,814	240	147	1,937	7,445	25	297·80
February - -	26	15	36	193	27	4,974	230	135	1,984	7,620	25	304·80
March - -	34	7	37	180	29	4,877	234	156	1,977	7,531	27	278·92
April - - -	31	14	37	164	18	4,780	181	110	1,718	7,053	24	293·87
May - - -	29	21	29	188	32	4,318	190	115	1,700	6,622	26	254·69
June - - -	30	13	45	138	32	3,746	199	103	1,601	5,907	26	227·19
July - - -	13	9	32	180	18	3,960	186	107	1,705	6,210	26	238·84
August - -	10	9	33	115	15	3,699	165	92	1,481	5,619	27	208·11
September - -	18	7	37	138	14	3,992	159	93	1,424	5,882	25	235·28
October - -	19	15	28	153	34	4,193	187	88	1,909	6,626	26	254·84
November - -	23	15	29	203	33	4,456	217	96	2,535	7,607	26	292·57
December - -	13	6	39	179	43	4,421	232	107	2,528	7,568	25	302·72
Totals - -	269	142	414	2,031	336	52,230	2,420	1,349	22,499	81,690	308	265·22
Totals, 1915 -	345	155	473	2,132	359	51,782	2,423	1,441	18,905	78,015	308	253·29
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	448	—	—	3,594	3,675	—	—
Decrease - -	76	13	59	101	23	—	3	92	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—PORTOBELLO BRANCH—Statistics for 1916.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	25	5	7	92	22	4,091	156	87	1,721	6,206	25	248·24
February - -	14	7	16	89	23	4,013	178	98	1,604	6,042	25	241·68
March - -	15	6	13	87	19	3,844	178	96	1,317	5,575	27	206·48
April - - -	16	6	11	63	16	3,836	126	81	1,180	5,335	24	222·29
May - - -	7	2	5	88	18	3,667	133	80	1,019	5,019	26	193·03
June - - -	11	6	12	84	11	3,452	114	73	812	4,575	25	183·00
July - - -	14	8	7	56	14	3,419	100	62	861	4,541	26	174·65
August - -	10	3	3	73	7	3,135	102	54	820	4,207	27	155·81
September - -	21	10	17	87	8	3,525	136	82	971	4,857	25	194·28
October - -	26	7	21	120	24	3,721	210	106	1,741	5,976	26	229·84
November - -	28	6	21	135	20	3,982	281	115	2,520	7,108	26	273·38
December - -	21	5	13	118	16	3,839	182	95	2,080	6,369	25	254·76
Totals - -	208	71	146	1,092	198	44,524	1,896	1,029	16,646	65,810	307	214·36
Totals, 1915 -	184	109	159	905	157	42,990	1,864	928	14,878	62,174	307	202·52
Increase - -	24	—	—	187	41	1,534	32	101	1,768	3,636	—	—
Decrease - -	—	38	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—NORTH BRANCH—Statistics for 1916.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	29	23	48	178	40	5,505	300	150	2,205	8,478	25	339·12
February - -	36	13	40	187	64	5,244	286	164	2,154	8,188	25	327·52
March - -	32	11	45	162	60	5,895	280	132	2,214	8,831	27	327·07
April - - -	34	18	46	137	40	5,558	225	129	2,182	8,369	24	348·70
May - - -	37	21	45	133	42	5,153	260	142	2,044	7,877	26	302·96
June - - -	14	19	53	175	40	4,697	282	119	1,935	7,334	26	282·07
July - - -	33	11	54	148	42	4,799	329	107	1,983	7,506	26	288·69
August - -	13	14	32	109	27	4,134	218	133	1,718	6,398	27	236·96
September - -	18	16	48	120	23	4,812	238	132	2,083	7,490	25	299·60
October - -	34	22	69	128	25	4,846	257	148	2,506	8,035	26	309·03
November - -	31	28	53	181	40	5,463	299	137	2,949	9,181	26	353·11
December - -	28	12	62	137	37	4,972	306	118	2,678	8,350	25	334·00
Totals - -	339	208	595	1,795	480	61,078	3,280	1,611	26,651	96,037	308	311·80
Totals, 1915 -	402	192	564	2,132	440	61,888	3,301	1,856	22,889	93,664	308	304·10
Increase - -	—	16	31	—	40	—	—	—	3,762	2,373	—	—
Decrease - -	63	—	—	337	—	810	21	245	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—EAST BRANCH—Statistics for 1916.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	83	25	90	271	81	7,631	259	280	4,486	13,206	25	528·24
February - -	59	30	77	294	82	7,294	282	319	4,117	12,554	25	502·16
March - -	54	32	79	280	76	7,741	272	282	4,086	12,902	27	477·85
April - - -	48	32	71	288	40	7,213	222	256	4,018	12,188	24	507·87
May - - -	42	36	88	379	68	6,612	265	283	3,457	11,230	26	431·92
June - - -	32	26	76	282	69	6,525	248	278	3,310	10,846	26	417·15
July - - -	28	14	65	272	77	6,434	243	265	3,481	10,879	26	418·42
August - -	34	16	42	211	34	5,735	164	195	2,641	9,072	27	336·00
September - -	24	20	74	212	33	6,608	174	240	3,138	10,523	25	420·92
October - -	49	38	94	267	74	6,431	198	242	3,492	10,885	26	418·65
November - -	76	35	90	311	74	6,906	350	291	4,272	12,405	26	477·11
December - -	45	29	95	308	65	6,446	276	259	3,906	11,429	25	457·16
Totals - -	574	333	941	3,375	773	81,576	2,953	3,190	44,404	138,119	308	448·43
Totals, 1915 -	692	403	907	3,748	857	86,639	3,282	3,007	45,830	145,365	308	471·96
Increase - -	—	—	34	—	—	—	—	183	—	—	—	—
Decrease - -	118	70	—	373	84	5,063	329	—	1,426	7,246	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—MORNINGSIDE BRANCH—Statistics for 1916.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	32	5	41	104	48	5,415	197	113	1,587	7,542	25	301·68
February - -	17	17	28	99	42	5,310	209	93	1,346	7,161	25	286·44
March - -	30	12	26	84	28	5,834	191	106	1,424	7,735	27	286·48
April - - -	25	15	22	76	31	5,169	136	67	1,272	6,813	24	283·87
May - - -	27	12	24	82	38	5,159	164	79	1,092	6,677	26	256·80
June - - -	12	10	18	69	34	4,979	190	65	950	6,327	26	243·34
July - - -	22	14	27	83	21	5,096	121	51	1,190	6,625	26	254·80
August - -	9	5	10	71	23	4,180	109	44	964	5,415	27	200·55
September - -	21	14	24	73	20	5,365	117	49	1,114	6,797	25	271·88
October - -	26	16	32	59	23	5,753	162	45	1,279	7,395	26	284·42
November - -	29	22	34	103	34	6,011	153	72	1,568	8,026	26	308·69
December - -	26	20	36	76	38	5,517	147	84	1,933	7,877	25	315·08
Totals - -	276	162	322	979	380	63,788	1,896	868	15,719	84,390	308	273·99
Totals, 1915 -	392	153	355	977	476	62,600	2,158	1,129	15,435	83,675	308	271·67
Increase - -	—	9	—	2	—	1,188	—	—	284	715	—	—
Decrease - -	116	—	33	—	96	—	262	261	—	—	—	—

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

I BEG to submit my Report for the year ended 31st December 1917. From the opening of the Library in June 1890 to 31st December 1917, 22,176,089 works (many containing several volumes) were issued for consultation and home reading. The numbers for the various departments are:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	2,294,176
Lending do. - -	10,847,231
West Branch (1897) - - -	2,266,351
Portobello Branch (1897) - -	1,423,251
North Branch (1900) - -	1,843,027
East Branch (1904) - - -	2,292,386
Morningside Branch (1905) - -	1,209,667
Total - -	22,176,089

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The issue for 1917 in the Central Library and Branches was as follows:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	48,632
Lending do. - -	232,435
West Branch - - - -	108,873
Portobello Branch - - -	76,064
North Branch - - -	109,973
East Branch - - - -	151,956
Morningside Branch - - -	99,748
Total - -	827,681

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The works consulted in the Reference Library were fewer this year than last—48,632 against 52,820 for 1916, or a decrease of 4,188. The only classes showing increases were those of Useful Arts, Philology, and Sociology.

HOME READING.

The Home Reading for last year, and especially for the last half of it, is the most satisfactory since the war broke out. The Home Reading from the Central and Branch Libraries totals 779,049, against 668,100 for 1916—an increase of 110,949. In the Central Lending Library there is a total increase over last year of 30,381, Fiction contributing to this 8,038, and Juveniles' Literature 19,474. Religion, Philosophy, and Poetry show decreases. The West Branch has an increase of 27,183, Fiction giving to this 9,198, and Juveniles' Literature 17,004. Like the Central, there are small decreases in Religion, Philosophy, and Poetry, but Science and Art and History show increases of 419 and 497. With decreases very similar in Religion, Philosophy, and Poetry, the North Branch shows increases in the other classes of 13,936—Fiction 6,845, and

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Juveniles' Books 6,613. The total increase in the East Branch is 13,837, of which there are 4,878 to the credit of Fiction, and 7,781 to that of Juveniles' Books. There are decreases in Poetry and Miscellaneous Literature. In the Morningside Branch the total increase was 15,358, of which Fiction accounts for 8,152, and Juveniles' Books 6,057. There are increases in every class in this Branch. Portobello showed an increase of 10,254, Fiction increasing by 6,287, and Juveniles' books by 3,828. There was a small decrease in History. Details will be found in the appended tables.

SOILED AND WORN-OUT BOOKS.

The number of volumes replaced in the different Libraries for last year and the previous year was :—

	1916.	1917.
Central - -	1,288	1,024
West Branch - -	926	751
Portobello Branch -	247	231
North Branch - -	252	304
East Branch - -	336	651
Morningside Branch -	188	401
Totals -	3,237	3,362

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

5,906 books and parts of magazines were circulated among the Blind for Home Reading. This is 61 less than for 1916. Of these, 1,748 were in Moon, and the rest in Braille type.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

There are still fifteen members of the staff on active service with the colours, but I regret to have to report that our fireman, George Blair, who enlisted in the Royal Engineers in May, was killed in action on the 4th of August.

I have to remind the Committee that the Catalogues of our Lending Libraries are either out of print or out of date.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

HEW MORRISON.

7th January 1918.

BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1916, the number added and deducted, and the total stock at the end of 1917.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1916.	Vols. added.	1917.
General	17,354	136	17,490
Philosophy	899	37	936
Religion	4,671	42	4,713
Sociology	6,953	159	7,112
Philology	1,384	23	1,407
Natural Science	3,860	59	3,919
Useful Arts	5,211	93	5,304
Fine Arts	5,303	47	5,350
Literature	14,609	62	14,671
History	17,150	166	17,316
Totals	77,394	824	78,218

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1916.	Vols. added.	1917.
Religion	3,877	19	3,896
Philosophy	932	7	939
Sociology	2,180	38	2,218
Science and Art	5,707	24	5,731
Poetry and Drama	1,345	3	1,348
Fiction	13,184	249	13,433
History, Biography, and Travel	6,642	105	6,747
General Literature	4,510	25	4,535
Juveniles' Literature	6,515	88	6,603
Totals	44,892	558	45,450

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1916.	Vols. added.	1917.
Religion	277	1	278
Philosophy	96	1	97
Sociology	310	9	319
Science and Art	1,028	8	1,036
Poetry and Drama	165	5	170
Fiction	5,728	153	5,881
History, Biography, and Travel	1,205	32	1,237
General Literature	657	6 – 34	629
Juveniles' Literature	2,537	47	2,584
Reference Books	254	1	255
Children's Room	867	43	910
Totals	13,124	306 – 34	13,396

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1916.	Vols. added.	1917.
Religion	182	1	183
Philosophy	64	1	65
Sociology	145	1	149
Science and Art	470	7	477
Poetry and Drama	113	2	115
Fiction	4,478	130	4,608
History, Biography, and Travel	961	10	971
General Literature	426	4	430
Juveniles' Literature	1,795	59	1,854
Reference Books	136	2	138
Totals	8,770	220	8,990

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1916.	Vols. added.	1917.
Religion	467	1	468
Philosophy	133	—	133
Sociology	322	4	326
Science and Art	1,147	6	1,153
Poetry and Drama	190	1	191
Fiction	6,441	119	6,560
History, Biography, and Travel	1,329	12	1,341
General Literature	777	6	783
Juveniles' Literature	2,565	56	2,621
Reference Books	282	1	283
Totals	13,653	206	13,859

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1916.	Vols. added.	1917.
Religion	495	5	500
Philosophy	214	1	215
Sociology	397	9	406
Science and Art	1,118	7	1,125
Poetry and Drama	290	3	293
Fiction	5,414	171	5,585
History, Biography, and Travel	1,364	16	1,380
General Literature	757	13	770
Juveniles' Literature	2,966	97	3,063
Reference Books	401	2	403
Totals	13,416	324	13,740

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1916.	Vols. added.	1917.
Religion - - - -	267	5	272
Philosophy - - -	165	—	165
Sociology - - -	256	4	260
Science and Art - - -	563	3	566
Poetry and Drama - -	201	2	203
Fiction - - - -	5,267	114	5,381
History, Biography, and Travel -	849	11	860
General Literature - -	589	2	591
Juveniles' Literature - -	1,875	21	1,896
Reference Books - -	67	2	69
Totals -	10,099	164	10,263

ST LEONARD'S BRANCH.

Class.	1916.	Vols. added.	1917.
Children's Room - -	430	—	430
Reference Books - -	62	—	62
Totals -	492	—	492

TOTAL STOCK.

	1916.	Vols. added.	1917.
Reference Library - -	77,394	824 —	78,218
Lending Library - -	44,892	558 —	45,450
West Branch - - -	13,124	306 – 34	13,396
Portobello Branch - -	8,770	220 —	8,990
North Branch - - -	13,653	206 —	13,859
East Branch - - -	13,416	324 —	13,740
Morningside Branch - -	10,099	164 —	10,263
St Leonard's Branch - -	492	— —	492
Total -	181,840	2,602 – 34	184,408

REFERENCE LIBRARY—Statistics for 1917.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January -	472	127	206	425	180	398	522	307	1,013	1,077	4,727	26	181·80
February -	683	163	231	586	187	318	523	341	1,451	1,161	5,644	24	235·16
March - -	719	163	218	435	234	325	656	424	1,611	992	5,777	27	213·96
April - -	541	63	190	241	114	218	355	269	560	666	3,217	24	134·04
May - -	479	127	155	257	163	262	481	292	845	797	3,858	26	148·38
June - -	287	101	160	226	127	410	404	204	549	649	3,117	26	119·88
July - -	408	81	116	210	142	236	440	190	391	551	2,765	26	106·34
August -	464	108	152	229	144	205	425	317	472	639	3,155	27	116·85
September -	430	77	161	189	129	223	376	268	487	720	3,060	24	127·50
October -	561	174	169	344	203	253	557	317	860	630	4,068	27	150·66
November -	538	149	172	412	204	273	514	388	1,624	1,058	5,332	26	205·07
December -	496	122	159	267	133	269	463	255	1,103	645	3,912	25	156·48
Totals - -	6,078	1,455	2,089	3,821	1,960	3,390	5,716	3,572	10,966	9,585	48,632	308	157·89
Totals, 1916 -	7,204	1,819	2,434	3,819	1,879	3,436	5,631	3,630	12,439	10,529	52,820	308	171·49
Increase -	—	—	—	2	81	—	85	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease -	1,126	364	345	—	—	46	—	58	1,473	944	4,188	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—CENTRAL—Statistics for 1917.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	236	114	181	947	188	11,118	882	532	4,480	18,678	26	718·38
February - -	208	92	198	904	166	10,740	924	552	49,45	18,729	24	780·37
March - -	273	114	224	1,043	236	12,683	996	571	5,576	21,716	27	804·29
April - - -	246	80	223	906	183	11,378	936	594	5,042	19,588	24	816·16
May - - -	241	84	215	1,023	149	11,884	914	625	4,195	19,330	26	743·46
June - - -	190	90	178	875	171	11,766	938	540	3,882	18,630	26	716·53
July - - -	160	76	157	706	116	11,654	734	462	3,376	17,441	26	670·80
August - -	151	89	167	721	125	11,674	883	523	3,558	17,891	27	662·62
September - -	162	84	154	890	141	12,136	823	494	3,648	18,532	24	772·16
October - -	213	147	228	1,000	197	12,774	1,016	682	4,992	21,249	27	787·00
November - -	215	107	209	907	230	12,650	1,062	678	5,084	21,142	26	813·15
December - -	196	79	167	748	176	12,103	869	586	4,585	19,509	25	780.03
Totals - -	2,491	1,156	2,301	10,670	2,078	142,560	10,977	6,839	53,363	232,435	308	754·65
Totals, 1916 -	2,619	1,350	1,936	9,463	2,249	134,522	9,954	6,072	33,889	202,054	308	656·01
Increase - -	—	—	365	1,207	—	8,038	1,023	767	19,474	30,381	—	—
Decrease - -	128	194	—	—	171	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—WEST BRANCH—Statistics for 1917.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	10	12	26	176	24	4,802	248	135	3,050	8,483	26	326·26
February - -	18	11	40	185	33	4,665	211	121	2,782	8,066	24	327·75
March - -	26	9	40	227	32	5,870	285	178	3,559	10,226	27	386·14
April - - -	21	2	31	157	19	4,970	210	122	2,832	8,364	24	334·56
May - - -	18	6	22	220	31	4,890	246	122	2,910	8,465	26	350·5
June - - -	16	14	28	163	24	4,816	216	123	2,897	8,297	26	319·11
July - - -	13	6	32	138	19	4,582	192	125	2,847	7,954	26	305·73
August - -	7	4	30	170	18	4,947	180	114	3,011	8,481	27	314·1
September - -	11	8	36	204	24	5,091	196	99	2,933	8,602	24	358·41
October - -	13	7	53	275	37	5,864	326	143	4,056	10,774	27	399·03
November - -	16	4	39	307	26	5,465	315	124	4,624	10,920	26	420
December - -	12	12	34	228	40	5,466	292	155	4,002	10,241	25	393·88
Totals - -	181	95	411	2,450	327	61,428	2,917	1,561	39,503	108,873	308	350·07
Totals, 1916 -	269	142	414	2,031	336	52,230	2,420	1,349	22,499	81,690	308	265·22
Increase - -	—	—	—	419	—	9,198	497	212	17,004	27,183	—	—
Decrease - -	88	47	3	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY--PORTOBELLO BRANCH—Statistics for 1917.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	22	12	13	139	16	4,321	188	125	2,183	7,019	26	269·96
February - -	22	7	23	139	13	4,139	178	125	1,800	6,446	24	268·58
March - -	21	10	13	130	18	4,784	177	105	1,950	7,208	27	266·96
April - - -	14	7	22	95	13	4,389	139	91	1,737	6,507	24	271·12
May - - -	15	8	16	81	13	4,052	117	74	1,326	5,702	26	219·30
June - - -	13	4	21	73	17	3,910	111	77	1,177	5,403	25	216·12
July - - -	24	6	19	59	12	3,559	121	46	1,089	4,935	26	189·80
August - -	19	4	36	77	21	4,176	125	86	1,476	6,020	27	222·96
September - -	13	17	26	72	13	4,173	128	69	1,375	5,886	24	245·25
October - -	21	8	25	81	22	4,716	192	78	2,047	7,190	27	266·29
November - -	29	9	25	106	31	4,411	153	85	2,229	7,078	26	272·23
December - -	24	7	13	82	23	4,181	143	112	2,085	6,670	25	266·8
Totals - -	237	99	252	1,134	212	50,811	1,772	1,073	20,474	76,064	307	247·76
Totals, 1916 -	208	71	146	1,092	198	44,524	1,896	1,029	16,646	65,810	307	214·36
Increase - -	29	28	106	42	14	6,287	—	44	3,828	10,254	—	—
Decrease - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	124	—	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—NORTH BRANCH—Statistics for 1917.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	31	18	60	199	32	5,368	318	139	2,869	9,034	26	347·46
February - -	27	19	48	190	25	5,215	309	120	2,684	8,637	24	359·875
March - -	17	17	56	199	42	6,402	381	145	3,185	10,444	27	386·81
April - - -	17	18	57	156	28	5,517	292	147	2,983	9,215	24	383·96
May - - -	18	26	42	197	37	5,564	286	171	2,628	8,969	26	344·96
June - - -	21	17	41	175	37	5,699	273	140	2,499	8,902	26	342·38
July - - -	31	10	46	101	21	5,062	247	118	2,253	7,889	26	303·42
August - -	17	11	38	156	26	5,405	283	150	2,309	8,395	27	310·93
September - -	22	17	50	171	34	5,926	277	149	2,482	9,128	24	380·33
October - -	12	13	36	151	33	5,926	246	150	2,922	9,489	27	395·375
November - -	31	20	64	173	55	6,199	359	152	3,395	10,448	26	401·85
December - -	31	5	47	127	53	5,640	323	142	3,055	9,423	25	376·92
Totals - -	275	191	585	1,995	423	67,923	3,594	1,723	33,264	109,973	308	360·57
Totals, 1916 -	339	208	595	1,795	480	61,078	3,280	1,611	26,651	96,037	308	311·81
Increase - -	—	—	—	200	—	6,845	314	112	6,613	13,936	—	—
Decrease - -	64	17	10	—	57	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—EAST BRANCH—Statistics for 1917.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	70	22	79	324	63	6,973	293	226	3,706	11,756	26	452·15
February - -	53	33	85	334	73	6,653	235	258	3,993	11,717	24	488·20
March - -	62	40	92	387	70	7,631	346	296	4,678	13,602	27	503·7
April - - -	38	42	86	348	60	7,419	321	231	4,297	12,842	24	533·08
May - - -	49	29	105	341	47	7,442	315	185	3,590	12,103	26	465·5
June - - -	39	30	87	296	50	7,185	292	163	3,799	11,941	26	459·26
July - - -	41	36	69	281	19	6,538	266	176	3,474	10,900	26	419·23
August - -	34	37	87	266	43	6,990	209	151	3,829	11,646	27	431·3
September - -	33	35	88	344	47	7,424	261	187	4,246	12,665	24	527·70
October - -	74	24	118	442	69	7,597	360	301	5,414	14,399	27	533·29
November - -	62	45	84	393	71	7,641	370	385	6,049	15,100	26	580·76
December - -	40	34	67	339	83	6,961	336	315	5,110	13,285	25	531·4
Totals - -	595	407	1,047	4,095	695	86,454	3,604	2,874	52,185	151,956	308	493·36
Totals, 1916 -	574	333	941	3,375	773	81,576	2,953	3,190	44,404	138,119	308	448·43
Increase - -	21	74	106	720	—	4,878	651	—	7,781	13,837	—	—
Decrease - -	—	—	—	—	78	—	—	316	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—MORNINGSIDE BRANCH—Statistics for 1917.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	42	22	35	79	60	6,076	156	61	1,854	8,385	26	322·50
February - -	26	17	33	124	44	5,876	187	86	2,021	8,414	24	350·58
March - -	36	18	40	119	55	6,763	247	74	2,035	9,387	27	347·66
April - - -	19	11	46	108	22	5,892	193	66	1,951	8,308	24	346·16
May - - -	28	12	39	96	36	6,017	144	75	1,495	7,942	26	305·46
June - - -	27	15	31	104	25	5,672	137	95	1,478	7,584	26	291·69
July - - -	18	14	25	88	29	5,357	123	68	1,462	7,184	26	276·30
August - -	30	9	23	83	30	5,209	130	60	1,505	7,079	27	262·18
September - -	26	10	50	116	38	5,920	197	91	1,630	8,078	24	336·58
October - -	38	23	50	138	47	6,515	273	118	1,965	9,167	27	339·51
November - -	50	27	57	102	36	6,471	257	113	2,132	9,245	26	355·57
December - -	47	26	40	97	45	6,172	207	93	2,248	8,975	25	359·00
Totals - -	387	204	469	1,254	467	71,940	2,251	1,000	21,776	99,748	308	323·85
Totals, 1916 -	276	162	322	979	380	63,788	1,896	868	15,719	84,390	308	273·99
Increase - -	111	42	147	275	87	8,152	355	132	6,057	15,358	—	—
Decrease - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT,

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

I BEG to submit my Report for the year ended 31st December 1918. From the opening of the Library in June 1890 to 31st December 1918, 23,068,155 works (many containing several volumes) were issued for consultation and home reading. The numbers for the various departments are:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	2,339,570
Lending do. - -	11,095,783
West Branch (1897) - - -	2,392,976
Portobello Branch (1897) - -	1,496,886
North Branch (1900) - -	1,963,172
East Branch (1904) - - -	2,456,838
Morningside Branch (1905) - -	1,322,930
Total - -	23,068,155

The issue for 1918 in the Central Library and Branches was as follows:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	45,394
Lending do. - -	248,552
West Branch - - - -	126,625
Portobello Branch - - -	73,635
North Branch - - -	120,145
East Branch - - - -	164,452
Morningside Branch - - -	113,263
Total - -	892,066

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Like last year this department shows a decrease of 3,238 in the number of works consulted—45,394 against 48,632 for 1917.

HOME READING.

The number of books given out for Home Reading was the largest since 1907, which was the second year after the completion of our system of Branch Libraries. Last Report showed a large increase over 1916, and for 1918 the increase was 67,623—the totals being 846,672 against 779,049 for 1917. In the Central Library the increase in home reading was 16,117, of which 13,779 were in Fiction, and 2,049 books for Juveniles. Two classes showed decreases, Religion 251 and Science and Art 852. The West Branch made the largest increase in the year, 17,752, Fiction contributing to this 10,056, and Juveniles' books 7,628. There were decreases in Religion, Sociology, Poetry, and General Literature amounting to 376. In Portobello there were decreases in every class amounting in all to 2,429, but this was caused by the want of a catalogue, that for this branch being completely sold out. A small catalogue is to be issued shortly. In the North Branch there is an increases of 10,172, of which 3,449

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were Fiction, and Juveniles' books 6,894. There were small decreases in Religion, Philosophy, Sociology, and History and Biography. The total increase in the East Branch was 12,496, of which there were 6,558 in Fiction, and 5,669 in Juveniles' books. There were also substantial increases in History and General Literature. In Morningside the total increase was 13,515, Fiction contributing 6,460 to this, and books for Juveniles 6,795. This was the only Library in which there was an increase in the issue of books in the class designated Religion—11 more than the previous year. For details see pp. 8-14.

BOOK STOCK.

Last year shows the smallest number of books added in any year of the Library's history. For the second time, the Books Sub-Committee had last year to curtail the sum estimated for books, with the result that only very few books were added to the Branch Libraries. Had the Committee been able to add the usual number the increase in home reading would have been much greater. Particular attention was given to the condition of the books during the year, but the strain of the intense reading is telling upon the condition of the stock in general. For details see pp. 5-7.

SOILED AND WORN-OUT BOOKS.

The number of volumes replaced in the different Libraries for last year and the previous year was :—

	1917.	1918.
Central - -	1,024	1,059
West Branch - -	751	884
Portobello Branch -	231	191
North Branch - -	304	341
East Branch - -	651	351
Morningside Branch -	401	167
Totals -	3,362	2,993

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

5,347 books and parts of magazines were circulated among the Blind for home reading. Of these, 1,693 were in Moon, and the rest in Braille type. The circulation in 1917 was 5,906.

LIBRARY STAFF.

One only of those on active service returned to duty. It is with deep regret that I have to report the death in action on 21st March of Charles A. Mackay, one of our senior assistants, who attained to the rank of Captain in the 5th Seaforth Highlanders. Charles Goodall was severely wounded, and John Birnie was both wounded and gassed.

To the members of the staff, both permanent and temporary, who carried on the work during the last four years, I owe a great deal for the loyal and cheerful manner in which they performed the services required of them, and take this official opportunity of tendering to each and all of them my best thanks.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

HEW MORRISON.

10th January 1919.

BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1917, the number added and deducted, and the total stock at the end of 1918.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1917.	Vols. added.	1918.
General	17,490	134	17,624
Philosophy	936	17	953
Religion	4,713	42	4,755
Sociology	7,112	119	7,231
Philology	1,407	9	1,416
Natural Science	3,919	138	4,057
Useful Arts	5,304	67	5,371
Fine Arts	5,350	50	5,400
Literature	14,671	83	14,754
History	17,316	111	17,427
Totals	78,218	770	78,988

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1917.	Vols. added.	1918.
Religion	3,896	17	3,913
Philosophy	939	10	949
Sociology	2,218	46	2,264
Science and Art	5,731	12	5,743
Poetry and Drama	1,348	1	1,349
Fiction	13,433	208	13,641
History, Biography, and Travel	6,747	66	6,813
General Literature	4,535	15	4,550
Juveniles' Literature	6,603	68	6,671
Totals	45,450	443	45,893

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1917.	Vols. added.	1918.
Religion	278	—	278
Philosophy	97	—	97
Sociology	319	—	319
Science and Art	1,036	—	1,036
Poetry and Drama	170	—	170
Fiction	5,881	—	5,881
History, Biography, and Travel	1,237	—	1,237
General Literature	629	—	629
Juveniles' Literature	2,584	—	2,584
Reference Books	255	—	255
Children's Room	910	—	910
Totals	13,396	—	13,396

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1917.	Vols. added.	1918.
Religion	183	—	183
Philosophy	65	—	65
Sociology	149	1	150
Science and Art	477	—	477
Poetry and Drama	115	—	115
Fiction	4,608	1	4,609
History, Biography, and Travel	971	—	971
General Literature	430	2	432
Juveniles' Literature	1,854	1	1,855
Reference Books	138	—	138
Totals	8,990	5	8,995

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1917.	Vols. added.	1918.
Religion	468	— – 189	279
Philosophy	133	— – 33	100
Sociology	326	1 – 62	265
Science and Art	1,153	— – 116	1,037
Poetry and Drama	191	— – 52	139
Fiction	6,560	— – 925	5,635
History, Biography, and Travel	1,341	— – 148	1,193
General Literature	783	3 – 77	709
Juveniles' Literature	2,621	— – 209	2,412
Reference Books	283	— —	283
Totals	13,859	4 – 1,811	12,052

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1917.	Vols. added.	1918.
Religion	500	—	500
Philosophy	215	—	215
Sociology	406	—	406
Science and Art	1,125	—	1,125
Poetry and Drama	293	—	293
Fiction	5,585	3	5,588
History, Biography, and Travel	1,380	2	1,382
General Literature	770	3	773
Juveniles' Literature	3,063	—	3,063
Reference Books	403	—	403
Totals	13,740	8	13,748

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1917.	Vols. added.	1918.
Religion	272	—	272
Philosophy	165	—	165
Sociology	260	—	260
Science and Art	566	—	566
Poetry and Drama	203	—	203
Fiction	5,381	2	5,383
History, Biography, and Travel	860	—	860
General Literature	591	—	591
Juveniles' Literature	1,896	—	1,896
Reference Books	69	—	69
Totals	10,263	2	10,265

ST LEONARD'S BRANCH.

Class.	1917.	Vols. added.	1918.
Children's Room	430	—	430
Reference Books	62	—	62
Totals	492	—	492

TOTAL STOCK.

	1917.	Vols. added.		1918.
Reference Library	78,218	770	—	78,988
Lending Library	45,450	443	—	45,893
West Branch	13,396	—	—	13,396
Portobello Branch	8,990	5	—	8,995
North Branch	13,859	4	– 1,811	12,052
East Branch	13,740	8	—	13,748
Morningside Branch	10,263	2	—	10,265
St Leonard's Branch	492	—	—	492
Total	184,408	1,232	– 1,811	183,829

REFERENCE LIBRARY—Statistics for 1918.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January -	464	138	154	334	104	206	421	252	961	896	3,930	26	151·15
February -	452	153	149	361	138	236	429	283	1,361	1,055	4,617	24	192·37
March - -	544	169	192	299	185	312	586	319	1,464	715	4,785	26	184·03
April - -	689	93	131	161	106	228	447	226	628	690	3,399	25	135·96
May - -	598	118	153	253	154	332	489	378	853	701	4,029	26	154·96
June - -	450	86	119	263	114	293	470	264	530	521	3,110	25	124·44
July - -	480	86	134	172	122	198	371	308	487	523	2,881	27	106·70
August -	538	93	153	251	129	373	455	318	505	653	3,468	27	128·44
September -	468	89	130	250	100	309	377	213	460	613	3,009	24	125·37
October -	506	153	158	347	152	431	496	216	940	736	4,135	27	153·14
November -	571	113	144	347	175	225	476	332	979	958	4,320	25	172·08
December -	607	88	121	282	170	240	424	286	866	627	3,711	25	148·44
Totals - -	6,367	1,379	1,738	3,320	1,649	3,383	5,441	3,395	10,034	8,688	45,394	307	147·86
Totals, 1917 -	6,078	1,455	2,089	3,821	1,960	3,390	5,716	3,572	10,966	9,585	48,632	308	157·89
Increase -	289	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease -	—	76	351	501	311	7	275	177	932	897	3,238	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—CENTRAL—Statistics for 1918.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	166	53	120	699	166	12,443	860	595	3,914	19,016	26	731·38
February - -	173	93	201	911	228	12,584	1,158	550	4,271	20,169	24	840·37
March - -	211	81	186	857	247	14,256	1,199	600	4,654	22,291	26	857·34
April - - -	205	76	169	777	168	13,216	1,111	559	4,993	21,274	25	850·96
May - - -	183	92	171	844	232	13,623	1,048	609	4,458	21,260	26	817·69
June - - -	151	116	174	837	162	12,840	905	545	4,272	20,002	25	800·08
July - - -	119	93	187	809	202	13,586	865	537	4,546	20,944	27	775·70
August - -	116	81	208	849	205	13,219	898	464	4,339	20,379	27	754·77
September - -	195	137	197	724	191	12,482	974	515	4,233	19,648	24	818·66
October - -	311	173	291	945	138	12,834	1,080	702	4,681	21,155	27	783·51
November - -	221	137	206	806	188	13,459	995	751	9,538	23,301	25	932·04
December - -	189	160	213	760	108	11,797	811	562	4,513	19,113	25	764·52
Totals - -	2,240	1,292	2,323	9,818	2,235	156,339	11,904	6,989	55,412	248,552	307	809·61
Totals, 1917 -	2,491	1,156	2,301	10,670	2,078	142,560	10,977	6,839	53,363	232,435	308	754·65
Increase - -	—	136	22	—	157	13,779	927	150	2,049	16,117	—	—
Decrease - -	251	—	—	852	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—WEST BRANCH—Statistics for 1918.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	16	9	31	235	37	5,579	287	145	3,469	9,808	26	377·23
February - -	11	13	35	236	26	5,820	244	148	3,789	10,322	24	430·08
March - -	21	6	29	302	18	6,240	334	152	3,601	10,703	26	411·65
April - - -	10	10	24	205	24	5,765	284	121	3,381	9,824	25	392·96
May - - -	11	5	23	237	23	6,025	238	111	2,916	9,589	26	355·14
June - - -	10	7	21	249	13	5,570	206	96	2,778	8,950	25	358
July - - -	3	5	5	182	14	5,779	255	108	3,416	9,767	27	361·74
August - -	9	11	36	257	21	5,986	287	101	3,596	10,304	27	381·62
September - -	11	15	33	200	32	5,894	214	100	4,454	10,953	24	437·72
October - -	18	14	34	210	29	6,324	234	103	5,078	12,044	27	446·07
November - -	14	8	18	230	35	6,607	215	74	5,592	12,793	25	511·72
December - -	22	9	15	209	31	5,895	244	82	5,061	11,568	25	444·92
Totals - -	156	112	304	2,752	303	71,484	3,042	1,341	47,131	126,625	307	408·46
Totals, 1917 -	181	95	411	2,450	327	61,428	2,917	1,561	39,503	108,873	308	350·07
Increase - -	—	17	—	302	—	10,056	125	—	7,628	17,752	—	—
Decrease - -	25	—	107	—	24	—	—	220	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—PORTOBELLO BRANCH—Statistics for 1918.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	24	1	22	90	18	4,454	153	95	1,981	6,838	26	263
February - -	12	10	14	100	22	4,546	200	102	1,961	6,967	24	290·29
March - -	19	7	14	88	27	4,892	189	102	1,668	6,998	26	269·15
April - - -	10	5	20	89	18	4,672	136	66	1,677	6,693	25	267·72
May - - -	11	6	9	97	19	4,283	120	78	1,252	5,875	26	225·92
June - - -	12	5	15	87	17	4,435	150	72	1,410	6,203	24	258·45
July - - -	28	9	8	70	14	3,859	139	67	1,747	5,941	27	219·66
August - -	26	4	14	71	14	3,995	171	58	1,687	6,040	27	223·70
September - -	28	2	9	56	16	3,325	93	42	1,388	4,959	24	206·62
October - -	19	1	4	54	18	3,682	106	51	1,642	5,577	27	206·55
November - -	7	6	11	53	12	3,962	119	44	2,315	6,529	25	261·16
December - -	6	8	11	48	16	3,146	113	40	1,627	5,015	25	200·6
Totals - -	202	64	151	895	211	49,251	1,689	817	20,355	73,635	306	247·17
Totals, 1917 -	237	99	252	1,134	212	50,811	1,772	1,073	20,474	76,064	307	247·76
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease - -	35	35	101	239	1	1,560	83	256	119	2,429	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—NORTH BRANCH—Statistics for 1918.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	28	10	68	154	22	5,555	278	165	2,716	8,996	26	346
February - -	27	15	39	166	46	5,691	274	167	2,996	9,421	24	392·54
March - -	23	20	62	219	38	6,197	268	191	2,913	9,931	26	381·96
April - - -	18	13	39	172	23	5,793	277	168	2,941	9,444	25	377·76
May - - -	12	21	35	148	37	5,841	269	159	2,665	9,187	26	353·34
June - - -	11	8	42	164	33	5,522	253	168	2,532	8,733	25	349·32
July - - -	24	7	39	152	30	5,629	289	144	3,067	9,381	27	347·4
August - -	19	25	49	164	15	5,882	261	149	3,040	9,604	27	355·703
September - -	23	13	48	180	23	5,474	235	122	3,092	9,210	24	383·75
October - -	20	14	39	188	24	6,442	343	158	4,478	11,706	27	433·5
November - -	17	16	40	185	28	6,814	350	131	4,967	12,548	25	501·92
December - -	9	15	25	167	24	6,532	313	148	4,751	11,984	25	479·36
Totals - -	231	177	525	2,059	343	71,372	3,410	1,870	40,158	120,145	307	391·36
Totals, 1917 -	275	191	585	1,995	423	67,923	3,594	1,723	33,264	109,973	308	360·57
Increase - -	—	—	—	64	—	3,449	—	147	6,894	10,172	—	—
Decrease - -	44	14	60	—	80	—	184	—	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—EAST BRANCH—Statistics for 1918.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	41	42	76	330	63	7,135	338	314	4,460	12,799	26	492·26
February - -	49	42	76	379	64	7,318	405	347	4,781	13,461	24	560·87
March - -	44	34	83	409	67	8,059	370	356	4,471	13,893	26	534·34
April - - -	34	25	70	317	52	7,727	304	273	4,449	13,251	25	530·04
May - - -	36	31	84	293	52	7,568	323	283	4,202	12,872	26	495·07
June - - -	26	17	66	286	50	7,262	265	230	4,103	12,305	25	492·2
July - - -	40	31	74	289	58	7,617	263	239	4,576	13,187	27	488·40
August - -	43	29	75	305	44	7,752	322	227	4,426	13,223	27	489·74
September - -	30	34	68	310	66	7,804	316	218	4,383	13,229	24	551·20
October - -	57	51	86	386	54	8,620	331	237	5,733	15,555	27	576·1
November - -	47	49	67	345	66	8,450	365	254	6,567	16,210	25	648·4
December - -	23	43	79	338	60	7,700	331	190	5,703	14,467	25	578·68
Totals - -	470	428	904	3,987	696	93,012	3,933	3,168	57,854	164,452	307	535·67
Totals, 1917 -	595	407	1,047	4,095	695	86,454	3,604	2,874	52,185	151,956	308	493·36
Increase - -	—	21	—	—	1	6,558	329	294	5,669	12,496	—	—
Decrease - -	125	—	143	108	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—MORNINGSIDE BRANCH—Statistics for 1918.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	40	20	37	107	54	6,294	196	88	1,935	8,771	26	337·34
February - -	33	16	51	114	49	6,408	218	105	2,006	9,000	24	375·00
March - -	35	22	53	144	81	7,343	232	113	2,217	10,240	26	393·80
April - - -	34	10	47	119	48	6,785	202	81	2,285	9,611	25	369·65
May - - -	26	14	30	102	35	6,494	185	72	2,319	9,277	26	356·80
June - - -	28	21	43	103	44	6,214	157	98	2,061	8,769	25	350·76
July - - -	35	7	37	83	35	6,125	188	88	2,668	9,266	27	343·19
August - -	24	16	49	101	23	6,514	176	69	2,353	9,325	27	345·37
September - -	47	9	21	114	25	6,202	177	75	2,174	8,844	24	368·50
October - -	43	24	33	114	46	7,145	201	87	2,746	10,439	27	386·12
November - -	26	17	29	89	46	6,793	227	89	3,156	10,472	25	418·88
December - -	27	22	35	117	48	6,083	178	88	2,651	9,249	25	369·56
Totals - -	398	198	465	1,307	534	78,400	2,337	1,053	28,571	113,263	307	367·73
Totals, 1917 -	387	204	469	1,254	467	71,940	2,251	1,000	21,776	99,748	308	323·85
Increase - -	11	—	—	53	67	6,460	86	53	6,795	13,515	—	—
Decrease - -	—	6	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT,

1919.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

I BEG to submit my Report for the year ended 31st December 1919. From the opening of the Library in June 1890 to 31st December 1919, 23,937,376 works (many containing severla volumes) were issued for consultation and home reading. The numbers for the various departments are:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	2,392,702
Lending do. - -	11,332,611
West Branch (1897) - - -	2,521,169
Portobello Branch (1897) - -	1,564,926
North Branch (1900) - -	2,083,297
East Branch (1904) - - -	2,617,976
Morningside Branch (1905) - -	1,424,695
Total - -	23,937,376

The issue for 1919 in the Central Library and Branches was as follows:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	53,132
Lending do. - -	236,828
West Branch - - -	128,193
Portobello Branch - - -	68,040
North Branch - - -	120,125
East Branch - - - -	161,138
Morningside Branch - - -	101,765
Total - -	869,221

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Last year (1918) there was in this department a decrease of 3,238 as compared with 1917, but in 1919 there was an increase in the number of works consulted to the extent of 7,738.

HOME READING.

The number of books given out for Home Reading, though less than last year by 30,583, was the largest circulation from 1912 to 1917. The decrease on the year largely resulted from a decline in the reading of Juveniles, being in that section alone 28,440.

In Religion, Philosophy, Sociology, Science and Art, and General Literature there were increases, a small decrease in Poetry and Drama, and decreases in Fiction and History, Biography and Travel.

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In the following tables, the number of books replaced, the number in stock, and the tables showing the reading both in the Reference Library and Lending Departments are given.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

HEW MORRISON.

10*th January* 1920.

SOILED AND WORN-OUT BOOKS.

The number of volumes replaced in the different Libraries for last year and the previous year was :—

	1918.	1919.
Central - -	1,059	1,438
West Branch - -	884	298
Portobello Branch -	191	221
North Branch - -	341	504
East Branch - -	351	643
Morningside Branch -	167	223
Totals -	2,993	3,327

BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1918, the number added and deducted, and the total stock at the end of 1919.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1918.	Vols. added.	1919.
General	17,624	52	17,676
Philosophy	953	7	960
Religion	4,755	20	4,775
Sociology	7,231	78	7,309
Philology	1,416	6	1,422
Natural Science	4,057	54	4,111
Useful Arts	5,371	41	5,412
Fine Arts	5,400	17	5,417
Literature	14,754	39	14,793
History	17,427	80	17,507
Totals	78,988	394	79,382

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1918.	Vols. added.	1919.
Religion	3,913	15 – 3	3,925
Philosophy	949	6 – 1	954
Sociology	2,264	29 – 3	2,290
Science and Art	5,743	16 – 38	5,721
Poetry and Drama	1,349	— – 1	1,348
Fiction	13,641	218 – 73	13,786
History, Biography, and Travel	6,813	47 – 9	6,851
General Literature	4,550	13 – 12	4,551
Juveniles' Literature	6,671	91 – —	6,762
Totals	45,893	435–140	46,188

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1918.	Vols. added.	1919.
Religion	278	—	278
Philosophy	97	—	97
Sociology	319	—	319
Science and Art	1,036	1	1,037
Poetry and Drama	170	—	170
Fiction	5,881	—	5,881
History, Biography, and Travel	1,237	—	1,237
General Literature	629	—	629
Juveniles' Literature	2,584	—	2,584
Reference Books	255	—	255
Children's Room	910	—	910
Totals	13,396	1	13,397

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1918.	Vols. added.	1919.
Religion	183	—	183
Philosophy	65	—	65
Sociology	150	—	150
Science and Art	477	—	477
Poetry and Drama	115	—	115
Fiction	4,609	1	4,610
History, Biography, and Travel	971	—	971
General Literature	432	1	433
Juveniles' Literature	1,855	1	1,856
Reference Books	138	1	139
Totals	8,995	4	8,999

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1918.	Vols. added.	1919.
Religion	279	—	279
Philosophy	100	—	100
Sociology	265	—	265
Science and Art	1,037	—	1,037
Poetry and Drama	139	—	139
Fiction	5,635	—	5,635
History, Biography, and Travel	1,193	—	1,193
General Literature	709	3	712
Juveniles' Literature	2,412	—	2,412
Reference Books	283	—	283
Totals	12,052	3	12,055

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1918.	Vols. added.	1919.
Religion	500	—	500
Philosophy	215	—	215
Sociology	406	—	406
Science and Art	1,125	—	1,125
Poetry and Drama	293	—	293
Fiction	5,588	—	5,588
History, Biography, and Travel	1,382	4	1,386
General Literature	773	2	775
Juveniles' Literature	3,063	—	3,063
Reference Books	403	—	403
Totals	13,748	6	13,754

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1918.	Vols. added.	1919.
Religion - - - -	272	—	272
Philosophy - - -	165	—	165
Sociology - - -	260	—	260
Science and Art - - -	566	—	566
Poetry and Drama - -	203	—	203
Fiction - - - -	5,383	—	5,383
History, Biography, and Travel -	860	—	860
General Literature - -	591	—	591
Juveniles' Literature - -	1,896	—	1,896
Reference Books - -	69	—	69
Totals -	10,265	—	10,265

ST LEONARD'S BRANCH.

Class.	1918.	Vols. added.	1919.
Children's Room - -	430	—	430
Reference Books - -	62	—	62
Totals -	492	—	492

TOTAL STOCK.

	1918.	Vols. added.	1919.
Reference Library - -	78,988	394 —	79,382
Lending Library - -	45,893	435 — 140	46,188
West Branch - - -	13,396	1 —	13,397
Portobello Branch - -	8,995	4 —	8,999
North Branch - - -	12,052	3 —	12,055
East Branch - - -	13,748	6 —	13,754
Morningside Branch - -	10,265	— —	10,265
St Leonard's Branch - -	492	— —	492
Total -	183,829	843 — 140	184,532

REFERENCE LIBRARY—Statistics for 1919.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January -	592	131	126	211	141	217	538	327	773	573	3,629	26	139·57
February -	618	119	162	496	128	337	555	295	1,011	902	4,623	24	192·62
March - -	684	123	160	325	106	330	546	360	1,020	1,094	4,748	26	182·61
April - -	692	157	154	241	116	252	587	310	786	736	4,031	25	161·24
May - -	708	225	168	454	135	327	530	330	1,341	1,123	5,341	26	205·42
June - -	587	102	139	267	133	341	461	224	704	709	3,667	25	146·68
July - -	546	70	181	192	148	264	430	255	384	666	3,136	26	120·61
August -	606	81	127	211	148	270	473	259	412	742	3,329	26	128·03
September -	488	110	161	289	116	267	539	241	553	794	3,558	25	142·32
October -	772	205	145	464	124	412	660	378	1,089	876	5,125	27	189·81
November -	765	422	185	582	122	436	629	314	2,005	1,225	6,685	25	267·40
December -	764	220	215	426	133	438	491	297	1,380	896	5,260	26	202·30
Totals, 1919 -	7,822	1,965	1,923	4,158	1,550	3,891	6,439	3,590	11,458	10,336	53,132	307	173·06
Totals, 1918 -	6,367	1,379	1,738	3,320	1,649	3,383	5441	3,395	10,034	8,688	45,394	307	147·86
Increase -	1,455	586	185	838	—	508	998	195	1,424	1,648	7,738	—	—
Decrease -	—	—	—	—	99	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—CENTRAL—Statistics for 1919.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	206	187	178	871	102	12,806	864	589	4,285	20,088	26	772·61
February - -	240	192	182	915	183	13,651	931	728	4,151	21,173	24	882·20
March - -	205	146	155	863	125	15,091	813	638	4,730	22,766	26	875·61
April - - -	202	175	147	758	124	14,641	892	614	4,155	21,708	25	868·32
May - - -	177	131	173	722	123	14,231	871	664	3,475	20,567	26	791·03
June - - -	189	124	152	613	135	11,803	702	574	2,930	17,222	25	688·88
July - - -	165	157	160	679	122	12,267	757	509	3,451	18,267	26	702·57
August - -	145	116	143	567	77	11,074	637	439	2,619	15,817	26	608·34
September - -	220	123	165	855	151	11,078	752	531	2,789	16,664	25	666·56
October - -	313	166	291	1,161	238	14,033	903	771	3,385	21,261	27	787·44
November - -	271	195	257	1,020	201	12,998	954	674	3,903	20,473	25	818·92
December - -	282	154	271	1,056	192	13,035	909	674	4,249	20,822	26	800·84
Totals - -	2,615	1,866	2,274	10,080	1,773	156,708	9,985	7,405	44,122	236,828	307	771·42
Totals, 1918 -	2,240	1,292	2,323	9,818	2,235	156,339	11,904	6,989	55,412	248,552	307	809·61
Increase - -	375	574	—	262	—	369	—	416	—	—	—	—
Decrease - -	—	—	49	—	462	—	1,919	—	11,290	11,724	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—WEST BRANCH—Statistics for 1919.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	20	8	22	248	48	6,990	273	108	5,642	13,359	26	513·80
February - -	28	8	27	235	47	6,309	231	92	4,930	11,907	24	496·12
March - -	29	14	38	316	36	6,936	309	180	4,709	12,567	26	483·34
April - - -	17	16	34	239	27	6,047	223	149	3,775	10,527	25	421·08
May - - -	21	16	31	290	26	5,999	238	124	3,653	10,398	26	399·92
June - - -	25	15	20	305	33	5,335	258	113	3,204	9,308	25	372·32
July - - -	24	8	35	199	32	5,252	210	98	3,427	9,285	26	357·11
August - -	26	19	37	192	32	5,257	185	110	3,165	9,023	26	347·03
September - -	21	20	30	245	41	5,393	222	149	2,994	9,115	25	364·60
October - -	37	30	39	343	89	6,317	366	198	3,657	11,076	27	410·22
November - -	31	35	51	328	51	6,344	389	214	3,773	11,206	25	448·24
December - -	24	15	45	265	43	6,082	276	145	3,527	10,422	26	400·84
Totals - -	303	194	409	3,205	505	72,261	3,180	1,680	46,456	128,193	307	417·56
Totals, 1918 -	156	112	304	2,752	303	71,484	3,042	1,341	47,131	126,625	307	412·45
Increase - -	147	82	105	453	202	777	138	339	—	1,568	—	—
Decrease - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	675	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—PORTOBELLO BRANCH—Statistics for 1919.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	15	11	12	44	15	4,212	102	53	2,189	6,653	26	255·88
February - -	23	4	6	73	20	3,925	74	50	2,188	6,363	24	265·12
March - -	26	2	4	79	23	4,695	97	61	2,437	7,424	26	285·53
April - - -	14	1	9	84	21	4,272	119	62	1,530	6,112	25	244·48
May - - -	18	3	13	84	17	3,926	150	52	1,269	5,532	26	212·76
June - - -	21	8	14	82	18	3,160	131	58	1,046	4,538	24	189·08
July - - -	7	3	12	49	14	2,728	85	29	773	3,700	26	142·30
August - -	6	7	10	49	9	3,386	90	51	879	4,487	26	172·19
September - -	2	4	7	72	11	3,487	96	52	1,062	4,793	25	191·72
October - -	10	4	14	92	16	4,310	105	43	1,212	5,806	27	215·03
November - -	12	9	16	94	17	4,336	170	50	1,557	6,261	25	250·44
December - -	4	2	15	93	15	4,153	150	50	1,889	6,371	26	245·03
Totals - -	158	58	132	895	196	46,590	1,369	611	18,031	68,040	306	222·35
Totals, 1918 -	202	64	151	895	211	49,251	1,689	817	20,355	73,635	306	247·17
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease - -	44	6	19	—	15	2,661	320	206	2,324	5,595	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—NORTH BRANCH—Statistics for 1919.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	21	12	23	211	24	7,118	341	141	5,305	13,196	26	507·50
February - -	18	7	43	207	40	7,442	327	205	5,319	13,608	24	567
March - -	26	19	53	304	26	7,485	296	253	4,715	13,177	26	506·80
April - - -	15	9	44	188	28	5,569	200	204	3,659	9,916	25	396·64
May - - -	29	19	39	191	23	5,771	207	188	3,349	9,816	26	377·53
June - - -	24	6	30	151	15	4,714	163	149	2,430	7,682	25	307·28
July - - -	19	14	39	166	22	5,041	159	182	2,536	8,178	26	314·53
August - -	30	15	36	162	30	5,200	191	205	2,268	8,137	26	312·96
September - -	17	9	37	236	31	5,842	221	195	2,566	9,154	25	366·16
October - -	33	20	63	255	33	5,515	228	171	2,579	8,897	27	329·51
November - -	32	17	57	216	31	6,113	224	197	2,889	9,776	25	391·04
December - -	25	10	45	213	37	5,333	184	169	2,572	8,588	26	330·30
Totals - -	289	157	509	2,500	340	71,143	2,741	2,259	40,187	120,125	307	391·28
Totals, 1918 -	231	177	525	2,059	343	71,372	3,410	1,870	40,158	120,145	307	391·36
Increase - -	58	—	—	441	—	—	—	389	29	—	—	—
Decrease - -	—	20	16	—	3	229	669	—	—	20	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—EAST BRANCH—Statistics for 1919.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	43	54	104	419	48	8,680	329	224	5,932	15,833	26	608·96
February - -	50	49	126	520	46	9,054	344	200	5,626	16,015	24	667·29
March - -	51	57	137	463	88	9,565	422	270	4,695	15,748	26	605·69
April - - -	48	56	94	413	73	8,898	322	213	4,343	14,460	25	578·4
May - - -	45	47	91	428	57	8,437	280	194	3,855	13,434	26	516·69
June - - -	33	38	78	305	69	6,749	237	201	3,165	10,875	25	435
July - - -	26	39	69	312	47	6,486	205	163	3,373	10,720	26	412·30
August - -	28	36	76	316	59	6,906	253	178	3,419	11,271	26	433·5
September - -	35	32	101	322	61	7,264	353	202	3,619	11,989	25	479·56
October - -	63	42	139	369	81	8,235	413	237	3,590	13,169	27	487·74
November - -	64	47	132	397	86	8,506	411	267	4,273	14,183	25	567·32
December - -	49	40	132	360	82	7,756	430	236	4,356	13,441	25	516·96
Totals - -	535	537	1,279	4,624	797	96,536	3,999	2,585	50,246	161,138	307	524·87
Totals, 1918 -	470	428	904	3,987	696	93,012	3,933	3,168	57,854	164,452	307	535·67
Increase - -	65	109	375	637	101	3,524	66	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	583	7,608	3,314	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—MORNINGSIDE BRANCH—Statistics for 1919.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	35	16	38	125	54	6,310	204	95	2,536	9,413	26	362
February - -	42	12	46	131	47	6,594	184	111	2,489	9,656	24	402·30
March - -	38	11	53	146	48	7,769	244	110	2,574	10,993	26	422·80
April - - -	28	15	42	113	41	6,324	172	99	2,145	8,979	25	359·16
May - - -	28	18	26	109	41	6,123	171	69	1,621	8,206	26	315·61
June - - -	29	10	24	108	39	5,538	141	51	1,245	7,185	25	287·40
July - - -	20	17	36	108	31	5,108	111	45	1,346	6,822	26	262·38
August - -	15	10	32	98	24	4,526	122	74	1,212	6,113	26	235·11
September - -	38	9	37	112	46	5,678	158	63	1,313	7,454	25	298·16
October - -	35	19	53	191	58	6,518	249	114	1,618	8,855	27	327·96
November - -	46	25	51	124	47	6,202	234	106	1,456	8,291	25	331·64
December - -	44	12	54	160	42	5,636	184	86	2,021	8,239	26	316·88
Totals - -	405	178	496	1,547	524	73,374	2,209	1,033	21,999	101,765	307	331·48
Totals, 1918 -	398	198	465	1,307	534	78,400	2,337	1,053	28,571	113,263	307	367·73
Increase - -	7	—	31	240	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease - -	—	20	—	—	10	5,026	128	20	6,572	11,498	—	—

HOME READING FOR 1918 AND 1919.

Year.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Total.
1918	3,697	2,271	4,672	20,818	4,322	519,858	26,315	15,238	249,481	846,672
1919	4,305	2,990	5,099	22,851	4,135	516,612	23,483	15,573	221,041	816,089
Increase - -	608	719	427	2,033	—	—	—	335	—	—
Decrease - -	—	—	—	—	187	3,246	2,832	—	28,440	30,583

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